



NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

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NTBG Environmental Journalism Program Now Accepting Applications

For Immediate Release (February 6, 2019) — The Hawai‘i-based National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG) is now accepting applications for its Environmental Journalism (EJ) Program which is designed for professional journalists (staff or freelance) working in broadcast, print, and online media. The immersive five-day program provides a background in tropical botany, ecology, and conservation, and is designed to enhance well-informed, accurate reporting on environmental issues with a focus on tropical and island systems.

NTBG’s headquarters and three of its five botanical gardens and two of its preserves are on the island of Kaua‘i where the EJ Program is offered. Established in 1964 by Congressional Charter, NTBG encompasses ancient Hawaiian cultural sites, extensive botanical living collections, a LEED-certified botanical research center, a botanical library and rare book collection, a seed bank and laboratory, a historic garden estate, a horticulture and conservation center, and other natural and man-made resources and facilities.

NTBG provides a richly varied indoor/outdoor living classroom setting in which to study and experience basic concepts of tropical biology, ethnobotany, current trends in conservation, habitat restoration, seed banking, agroforestry, herbaria, and to experience their function in tropical and sub-tropical environments.

EJ Program presenters include NTBG staff and non-staff scientists and experts in botany, horticulture, taxonomy, field biology, geology, ornithology, ethnobotany, and other natural history and cultural specialists.

EJ Program participants can expect to gain a greater understanding of important elements and current developments in the above fields that will assist them in reporting on complex scientific and environmental issues. The goal of the program is not to provide source material for current news stories, although staff members and faculty may be available for interviews depending on schedules.

NTBG provides on-island housing, airport transfer, and ground transportation. EJ Program participants are responsible for their own airfare to Līhu‘e Airport (Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i), meals, and any additional costs.

Deadline to apply: Thursday, February 28, 2019 (before 11:59 p.m. EST)

Notice of acceptance: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Program Operation: Monday, May 13 – Friday, May 17, 2019

Required: Complete Environmental Journalism Program application and provide *two* samples of recent work in print, audio, video, or online reporting (URL links preferred).

Online applications (only) will be accepted through Tuesday, February 28, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

APPLY NOW AT: <https://ntbg.wufoo.com/forms/environmental-journalism-program/>

Website: <https://ntbg.org/education/professional>

Email contact: education@ntbg.org

The mission of the National Tropical Botanical Garden is to enrich life through discovery, scientific research, conservation, and education by perpetuating the survival of plants, ecosystems, and cultural knowledge of tropical regions.